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7 October 1949

1. The GROSSENHAIN (N 52/A 01) airfield was unoccupied. According to a worker employed there, the scheduled 1,300-foot extension of the runway toward ADELSDORF (N 52/A 01) was temporarily stopped. Only 50 of the 700 workers were still at the field. The old sections of the two runways had been tarred but the newly constructed sections had an 8-inch concrete surface on a 12-inch gravel layer. The ammunition cantonment buildings on the northern edge of the field had been vacated.

13 October 1949

2. A guard detail of 20 Soviet Air Force soldiers arrived.

14 October 1949 25X1C

3. The truck [REDACTED] loaded with furniture left the field.

19 October 1949

4. Eighteen to twenty Soviet officers inspected the runways and air field buildings.

21 October 1949

5. The field was still unoccupied. Forty laborers did grading work.

20 October 1949

6. No aircraft were parked at the field and the hangars were closed. A fuel dump with underground containers was located on the western edge of the field, north of the airfield buildings. A second and larger fuel dump was on the northern edge. A road was under construction between the two

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dumps. These dumps and the airfield buildings were guarded by Soviet Air Force sentries. The truck E 5-36-77 and another truck without number left the field. The construction work on the runways, guarded by People's Police was still under way. The E-W concreted and tarred runway, about 230 feet wide, had been extended to the road to ELSTERWERDA (N 52/A 03).

7. Empty ammunition containers, each about 32 inches long and 6 inches in diameter, were stored on the loading ramp. Five closed railroad boxcars and one railroad tank car were being shunted on the spur track. Extensive excavation work for an unidentified purpose was being done near the loading ramp.

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Comment:

a. According to this report, one runway was extended up to the road to ELSTERWERDA on the west but the extension work on the second runway toward N-E was apparently temporarily stopped.

b. Report confirms that the field is not occupied by an air unit. The grading work under way and the reported inspection of the field by officers indicate that the field is probably intended to be reoccupied.

c. The motor vehicle [REDACTED] are 25X1C presumably assigned to the airfield construction unit previously employed at the field.

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